

Caring for aging trees

- Arborist visit every 3 – 7 years or so.
- Minimize pruning except to remove diseased wood or dangerous branches.
- Augment irrigation during drought years. Provide deep soakings every few weeks during the growing season of drier years. Be aware of the greater extent of the root zone than most people expect.
- Use care when changing the landscape around an existing tree:
 - drainage
 - irrigation
 - compaction
- Monitor for pests: scale, aphids, borers. Treat only when the tree's health is threatened or the mess is unacceptable.